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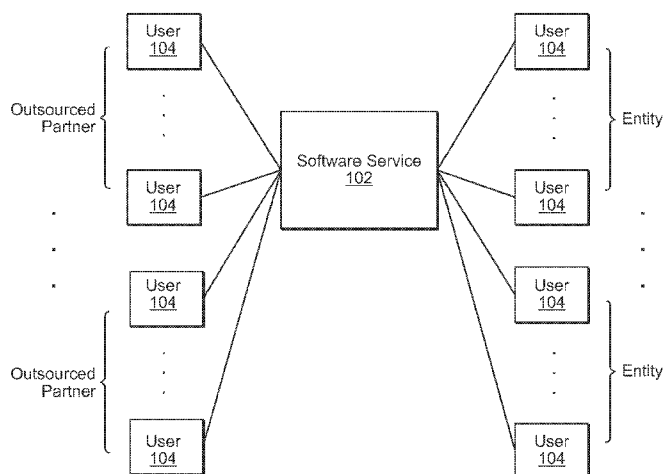


FIG. 1

(57) **Abstract:** A computer-implemented method and system are provided for collaborative execution of business processes shared by entities and outsourced business partners providing products or services to the entities. A single software service is provided with common business process rules, a common business information schema, and a single directory of shared workspaces for registered users of all entities and outsourced partners on a publicly available server computer. The software service is managed by a third party. The users operate client devices communicating with the server computer over a global communications network to access the service. The service enables users to create collaboration workspaces. Each of the collaboration workspaces is identified in the single directory and accessible by a team of users associated with an entity and one or more outsourced business partners for one or more business processes shared by the entity and the one or more outsourced business partners. Each collaboration workspace provides a common operational view of the one or more shared business processes to the team of users

to facilitate execution of the one or more shared business processes. The service facilitates interaction and sharing of information relating to one or more shared business processes among a team of users through each collaboration workspace. The service connects users to business processes by enabling users to identify and grant access rights to additional users to access a collaboration workspace.



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